I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME HAD PASSED.
I WOKE UP.

AND I COULD SMELL SOMETHING WEIRD, LIKE A MEDICINE.

MOM...
DIZZY
IT WAS A STORAGE FILLED WITH THINGS I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE

WHERE IS THIS?
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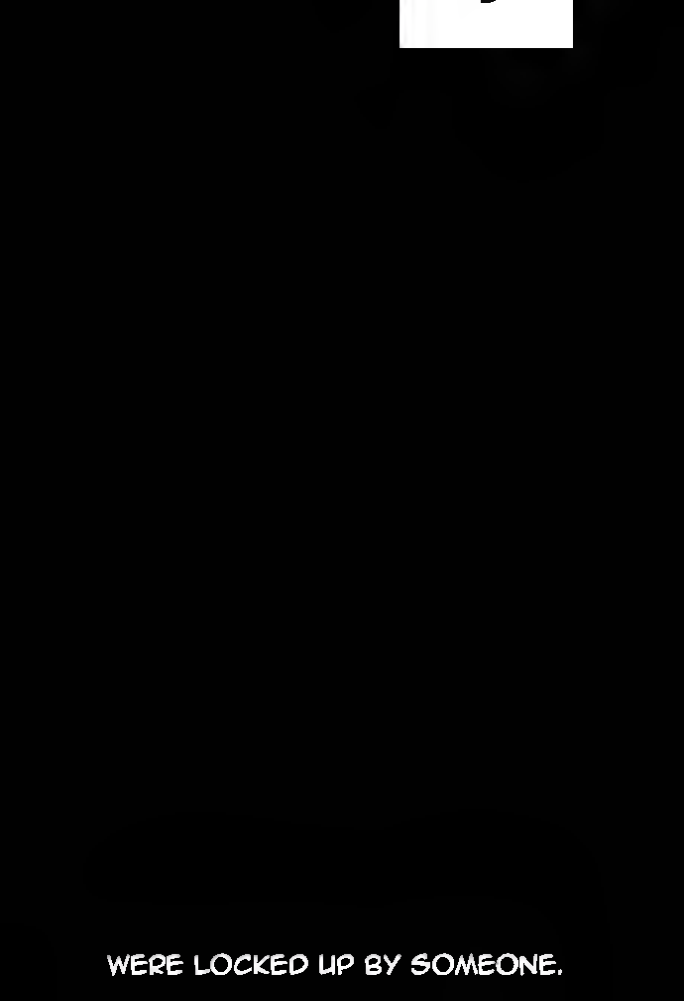
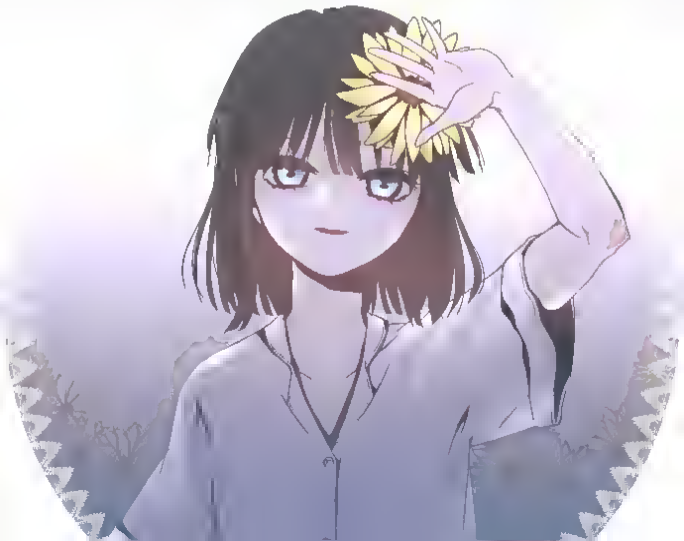

WERE LOCKED UP BY SOMEONE.



THAT MIRACLE OF SYNODIC MONTH

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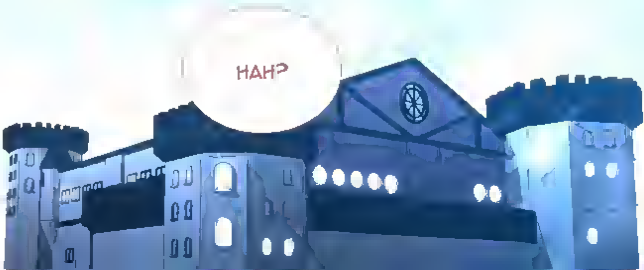

HAH?

THE 2ND DEPT.?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO THERE?

NOTHING MUCH...
ANYWAYS. COULD YOU LOOK UP IF THERE WAS A SIMILAR CASE 214 YEARS AGO?

ARE YOU OKAY..?
IT WASN'T EVEN DIRECTLY RELATED TO MY FATHER...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'M GOING BACK REALLY SOON ANYWAY, TO TALK TO CAPTAIN.

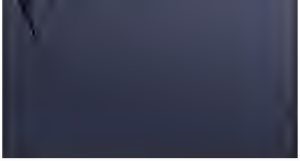
OKAY...
I'LL CALL YOU
AFTER I LOOK
UP.

IF I TELL
THE HQ ..

PENGUIN WILL BE SUMMONED AS A TESTIFIER...
YES, HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED AND LOCKED UP, BUT NOW HE'S ALSO A WANTED MAN WHO KILLED FIVE OFFICERS AND RAN AWAY...
HEADACHE

HE CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE ANY MORE TRACE...

RAN BELLENEPIA...



LOCKED
UP?

WHEN?! FOR HOW LONG? WHY?
WHEN I WAS ABOUT SEVEN.
I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG, BUT I THINK THE EXPERIMENT TOOK ABOUT A MONTH.

'THAT PERSON' HABITUALLY MENTIONED,

'SYNODIC MONTH.'

*SYNODIC MONTH
AVERAGE PERIOD OF THE MOON'S REVOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE LINE JOINING THE SUN AND EARTH (29.5TH DAY 12H 44M ON AVERAGE.)

S...SO? WHERE ARE THE SUSPECTS? YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE?!

I HAVE A

PRETTY GOOD MEMORY,
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT TIME.
I NATURALLY THOUGHT IT WAS A DREAM.

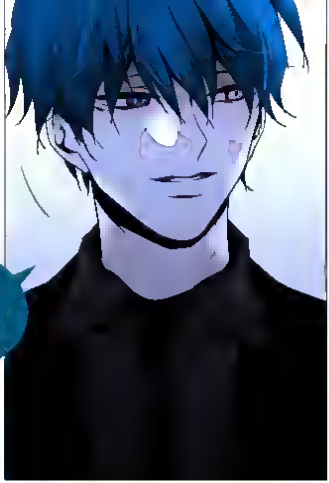
BUT IT WASN'T.
I THOUGHT SENIKA ONLY EXISTED IN MY DREAM, BUT SHE WAS ACTUALLY THERE BESIDE ME.

DAMN IT.
HOW CAN I JUST IGNORE THIS SERIOUSLY.

YOU WILL?

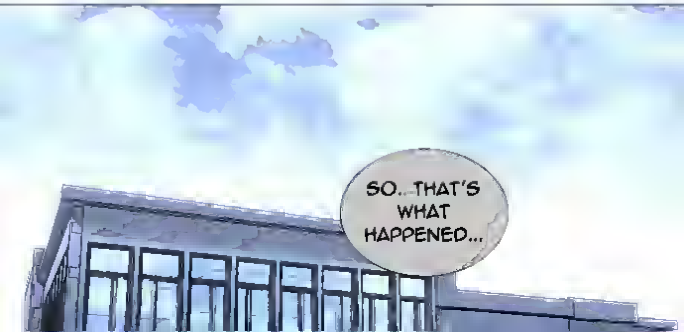
YES. I'LL DO IT.
I'LL COOPERATE WITH THE 2ND DEPT.
ARE YOU SURE?

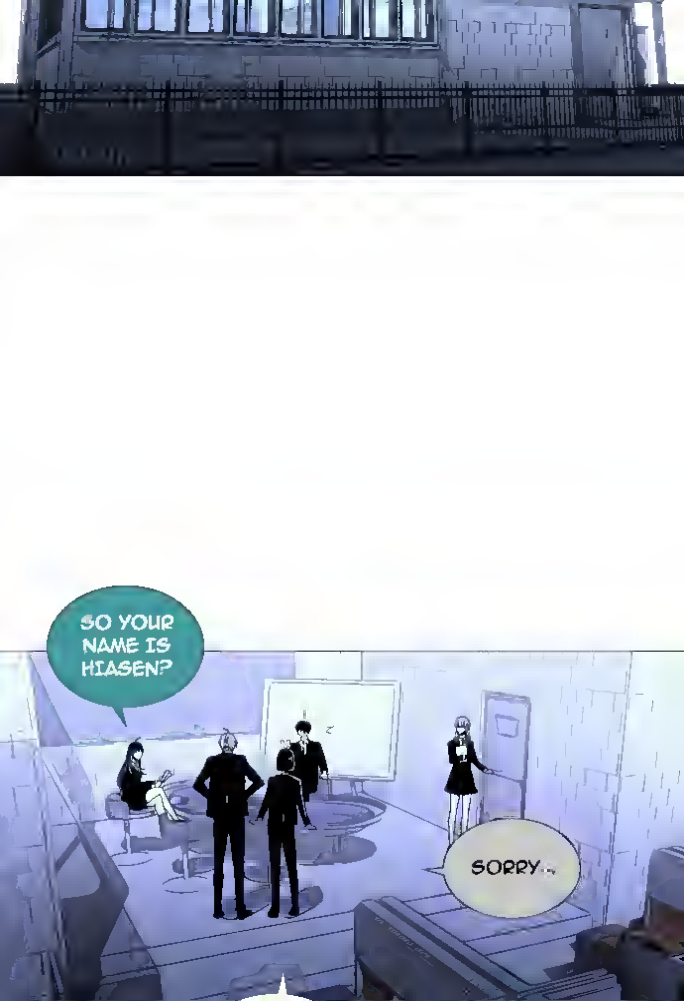
EVERYBODY IS AVOIDING IT.
BUT THAT'S JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED 16 YEARS AGO. THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER PROBLEM.



SO,
HOW ABOUT HIASEN?

PARDON?


SO...THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...


SO YOUR NAME IS HIASEN?
SORRY...

NICE TO MEET YOU!
YOU ARE 16?
SO CUTE

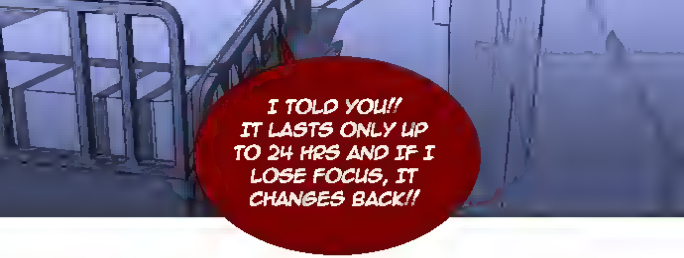
TRUST ME!
NOTHING DANGEROUS WILL HAPPEN!!

WE CAN'T LET CAPTAIN TAKE BACK HIASEN.
I HAD TO DO IT TO KEEP HIM UNDER MY CONTROL

WE WILL GO BACK TO THE HQ ONCE WE CATCH THE SUSPECTS.
WE WILL LEAVE THE REST TO PEOPLE HERE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THINK ABOUT THE BOWONSUNG CASE...
WE CAN'T TREAT HIM LIKE A KID FOREVER, YOU KNOW..?

HEY ARE YOU INSANE?!!
THIS ISN'T EVEN OUR DEPT....! WHAT IF THIS PLACE IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE MAGIC..?!


I TOLD YOU!!
IT LASTS ONLY UP TO 24 HRS AND IF I LOSE FOCUS, IT CHANGES BACK!!

OKAY, OKAY!
BE QUICK!

KEEP TALKING ABOUT HIASEN.

I DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING...

IT WAS EITHER YOU GIVING UP ON THIS CASE OR DOING IT WITH HIASEN.

THIS ISN'T JUST AN ORDINARY CASE FOR ME!!
I DID WHAT I COULD IN THIS WORST-EVER SITUATION!!

REMEMBER THOSE FIVE OFFICERS THAT FOUND OUT ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND HIASEN ON MELLY DAY?
WHAT IF YOU GET YOURSELF REVEALED? WHAT WILL YOU DO?!
HEY YOU...!

YOU KNEW THAT AND STILL BROUGHT HIASEN WITH YOU..?!
HEY, PENGUIN..!

I'M NOT PENGUIN.
I'M RAN BELLENEPIA!!

WHETHER HIASEN WORKS WITH ME OR PEOPLE FIND OUT WHO I AM,

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP ON THIS CASE!
13 CHILDREN WHO WERE BORN ON OCT. 10TH.

I CAN'T IGNORE THIS EXACTLY THE SAME CONDITION THAT OCCURED 214 YEARS AGO.

I CAN'T SAY THAT MY MEMORY IS PERFECTLY ACCURATE, BUT THOSE 13 KIDS LOCKED UP IN THAT FACILITY WERE ALSO USED AS 'THAT PERSON'S' EXPERIMENT SUBJECTS.

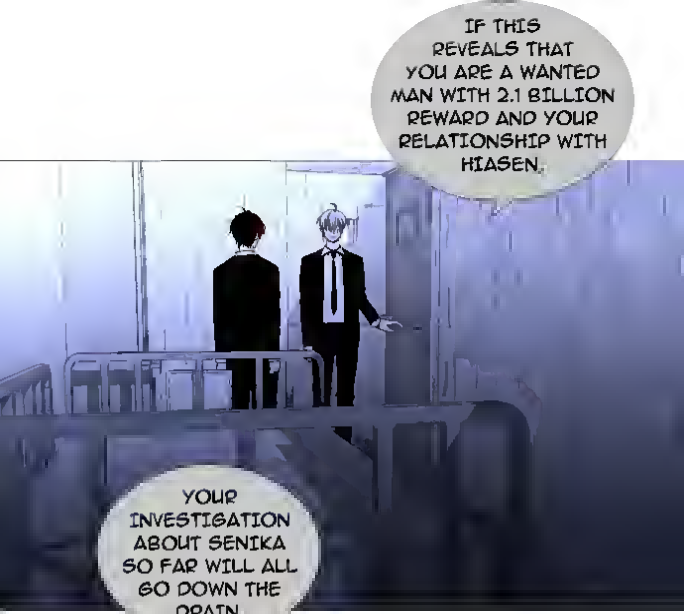
AND IO, NO

11 OF THEM DIED.

SENIKA AND I,

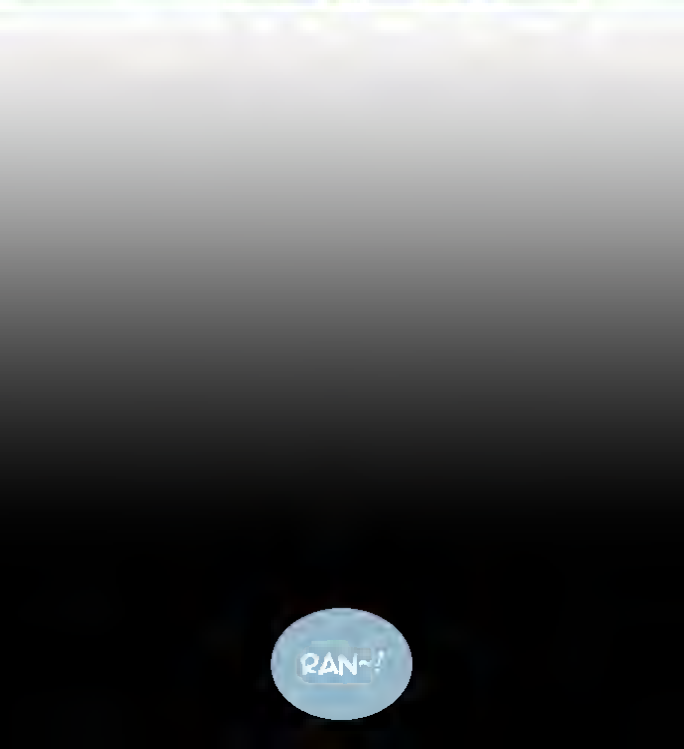
WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS.

OKAY.
I'VE ALREADY MADE SO MANY COMPROMISES. MAKING ONE MORE ISN'T TOO DIFFICULT.


IF THIS REVEALS THAT YOU ARE A WANTED MAN WITH 2.1 BILLION REWARD AND YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIASEN.
YOUR INVESTIGATION ABOUT SENIKA SO FAR WILL ALL GO DOWN THE DRAIN.

I DON'T

KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE PAST,
BUT YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE BEFORE MAKING A MOVE.


RAN~!

CAN'T YOU REMEMBER?

REMEMBE
YOU
WE MET YESTERDAY
I SAW YOU SLEEPING AND WENT OVER TO WAKE YOU UP

IS THAT THE DREAM YOU DON'T REMEMBER, OR ME?

SENIKA.

▶▶To be continued...